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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2001 FINAL
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This Communication is submitted in response to a September 19, 2001 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 19, 2001 Final Office Action was originally due December 19, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. Applicant has previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the September 19, 2001 Final Office Action is now due March 19, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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